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Van Buskirk Park Masterplan Community Meeting July 22 at Van Buskirk Community Center

STOCKTON, Calif. – A community meeting to discuss future uses of the former Van Buskirk Golf Course is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the Van Buskirk Community Center, 734 Houston Ave, Stockton. Representatives from the City of Stockton Community Services Department and Design Workshop Inc. will make a presentation and offer opportunities for community members to share ideas and interests about potential reuses of the 192-acre park site. All members of the community are encouraged and welcome to participate.

The property was donated to the City of Stockton by Charles and Bertha Van Buskirk in 1957 with a requirement in the deed to use the property for "public recreation or public park purposes." A golf course was completed in 1969 and was closed in 2019. In 2020, California Conservation Corps (CCC) Delta Center received a Prop. 68 Improvement Grant to remove dead trees and invasive grasses and create 3 miles of trails with compacted native surfacing, and work for that project is now completed.

There have been several opportunities for the community to engage with the design process. In addition to public meetings, community members may submit comments through Ask Stockton, <a href="emailto:ema

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